Amount of loan granted by nationalised banks in Andhra Pradesh to agricultural sector

939. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of loan granted by the nationalised banks in Andhra Pradesh to agricultural sector during 1988-89;

(b) whether the loans granted by the nationalised banks in Andhra Pradesh for agricultural operations are on the same scale as in other States;

(c) whether the banks are giving loans to all the farmers without any distinction;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any targets have been fixed for giving loans to the farmers in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) As per the data received from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the outstanding advances of Public Sector Banks to Agriculture in Andhra Pradesh as at the end of June, 1987 (latest available) were Rs. 183.2 crores.

(b) to (d) Extension of credit in a particular State or to a particular category of borrowers depends upon number of factors i.e. level of economic activity and credit absorption capacity etc. Banks have to adhere to guidelines/instructions issued by RBI from time to time regarding lending to borrowers including farmers without any discrimination.

(e) and (f) There are no specific targets for lending in a particular State. However, to enchance flow of credit to farmers, commercial banks have been asked to improve the share of direct finance to Agriculture in total outstanding advances to 18 per cent by the end of March, 1989.

Cases of non-Central Government employees decided by Delhi High Court

940. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the service cases of non-Central Government employees of Corporations, Societies funded and Controlled by Central Government and decided by the High Court of Delhi during 1987 and 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The number of such cases decided by Delhi High Court during the year 1987 and 1988 was 40 and 106, respectively.

"Ban on import of Hazardous Chemicals"

941. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several hazardous pesticides banned in countries of their manufacture and origin continue to be imported and manufactured in the country despite recommendation of high powered Conference of States and Union Territories held in December, 1988;

(b) whether Customs authorities and Chief Controller of Imports and Exports will look into the matter as per Govrenment's decision; and

(c) whether the Department of Environment have formulated suitable rules and regulations under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for such imports, exports and also against clandestine imports of toxic wastes?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Conference of the Officers of the States and Union Trritories held in December, 1988 did not specifically discuss the import of pesticides banned in the countries of their manufacture and origin. This Conference discussed the Draft Rules to regulate the import of hazardous and toxic chemicals including some pesticides.